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Banks.

NOTICE RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

- 1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, on their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.
- 2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositors may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.
- 3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposits for 12 months at 5 per cent. per annum interest.
- 4.—Interest at the rate of 3 per cent. per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.
- 5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositors must not make any entries themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.
- 6.—Correspondence as to the business of the Bank if marked On Hongkong Savings Bank Business is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.
- 7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the
HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION,
JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.

Hongkong, June 7, 1885.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING
CORPORATION.
PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000
RESERVE FUND.....\$4,500,000
RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION
OF DIVIDENDS.....\$ 200,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF FIDELITY
PRINCIPALS.....\$7,500,000

COUNT OF DIRECTORS.
Chairman—A. MOLLER, Esq.
Deputy Chairman—M. GROSS, Esq.
Hon. J. BELL IRELAND, Esq.
O. D. BORDEN, Esq.
W. E. F. DAWSON, Esq.
H. L. DAWSON, Esq.
Hon. F. D. SASSON, Esq.

CHIEF MANAGER.
Hon. J. BELL IRELAND, Esq.
Acting Chief Manager—JOHN WALTER, Esq.
MANAGER.
Shanghai—EDWARD CAMERON, Esq.
LONDON BANKERS—London and County Bank.

HONGKONG.
INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.
On Fixed Deposits—
For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 per cent. " "
" 12 " 5 per cent. " "

LOCAL BANKS DISCOUNTED.
Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Credits granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.
JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.
Hongkong, August 28, 1885.

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION OLD CHINESE PORCELAINS AND CURIOS.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on
FRIDAY,
the 24th December, 1886, at 2 p.m., at his Sales Room, Duddell Street,—
A VERY CHOICE AND VALUABLE SELECTION OF
OLD CHINESE PORCELAINS
AND CURIOS.

Collected from MANDARIN Houses at the City of Peking and the Northern Provinces, and comprising—
VERY FINE SPECIMENS OF PORCELAINS, &c., of the MING DYNASTY, the regions of KANG-HI, YUNG-CHING and K'ING-TUNG, as FIVE-COLOURED VASES, JARS, Dishes, BAZES and WHITE, SANGRE DE BOEUF, FLAMINGO, WITTO, HAWTHORN JARS, BLUE, YELLOW and GREEN BOTTLES and JARS, AGATE BASINS, FINE IMPERIAL VASES and JARS, OLD BRONZES, Peking Enamels, Old Silk Embroideries, PAPER SCREENS, FINE MING CHAIRS, JARS and BASINS, BAMBOO CARVINGS, and other Curios.

The above will be on view on Wednesday next, and Catalogues will be issued previous to the Sale.
TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.
G. R. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, December 17, 1886.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on
WEDNESDAY,
the 5th January, 1887, on Board, at Noon, (Unless previously Sold by Private Contract),
THE BRITISH STEAMER
PARTRIDGE.

of 444 Tons Register, 71 H.P., built in 1884, and chartered 100 M.T. at LLOYDS, as the TACKLE and APPURTENANCES.
For further Particulars, apply to the Captain on Board, or to
G. R. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, December 16, 1886.

Intimations.

St. JOHN'S LODGE OF HONGKONG,
No. 618, S. C.

AN Emergency Meeting of the above Lodge will be held in the Freemasons' Hall, Zetland Street, THIS EVENING, the 23rd Instant, at 8 for 8.30 p.m. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited.
Hongkong, December 23, 1886.

BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 6 of 1876, the following Banks will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business, on SATURDAY, the 25th (CHRISTMAS DAY), and MONDAY, the 27th (Boxing Day).
For the 'Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,'
R. L. SYMES,
Manager, Hongkong.
For the 'Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China,'
A. C. MARSHALL,
Sub-Manager, Hongkong.
For the 'Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,'
JOHN WALTER,
Acting Chief Manager.
For the 'Comptoir d'Escompte de Paris,'
C. O. INGBALL,
Agent.
For the New 'Oriental Bank Corporation, Limited,'
H. A. HERBERT,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, December 22, 1886.

KUHN & Co's
JAPANESE ART TREASURES
will shortly be
EXHIBITED
in Hongkong at the
NEW PREMISES
IN
BANK BUILDINGS, opposite the HONGKONG
HOTEL.
Hongkong, December 14, 1886.

**CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE,
LIMITED.**
NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
IN accordance with Section 120 of the Articles of Association, the General Agents, with Approval of the Consulting Committee, will on the 1st JANUARY, 1887, issue INTEREST WARRANTS of \$5 each, payable at the HONGKONG and SHANGHAI BANK, the same being at the Rate of 10 per Cent. per Annum on the Paid-up Capital of the Office for the year 1886, and Notice is hereby given, that in Order that the same may be adjusted, the Transfer BOOKS of the Office will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 31st Instant, both days inclusive.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.
Hongkong, December 15, 1886.

GRIFFITH'S
NEW VIEWS OF HONGKONG
ARE
NOW READY,
1, DUDDELL STREET.
GRIFFITH & Co.,
MANUFACTURERS
OF THE
LONDON GRATED WATERES,
1, DUDDELL STREET,
Continue to Supply:
SODA WATER, LEMONADE,
Tonic, GINGERBREAD,
SWEETENED, RASPBERRYADE,
SARAPARILLA, &c., &c., &c.
At the same Moderate Charges.
Hongkong, June 9, 1885.

CHRISTMAS 1886.
THE Undersigned is now prepared to
SUPPLY
CHRISTMAS CAKES
of the Best Quality weighing from 1lb to 10lbs ready on hand, and also
MINCE PIES, ASSORTED CAKES,
&c., &c., &c.
D. NOWROJEE,
Hongkong, December 21, 1886.

**HONGKONG AND CHINA GAS
COMPANY, LIMITED.**
THE Transfer BOOKS of this Company will be CLOSED from the 22nd Inst. until the 7th Proximo, both days inclusive.
F. W. CROSS,
Manager.
Hongkong, December 17, 1886.

NOTICE.
HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK
COMPANY, LIMITED.
SHIPMASTERS and ENGINEERS are respectfully informed that, if upon their arrival in this Harbour, NONE of the Company's FOREMEN should be at hand, Orders for REPAIRS if sent to the Head Office, No. 14, Praya Central, will receive prompt attention.
In the Event of Complaints being found necessary, Communication with the Undersigned is requested, when immediate steps will be taken to rectify the cause of dissatisfaction.
D. GILLIES,
Secretary.
Hongkong, August 28, 1886.

TENDERS are invited for the SUPPLY
of One JUNK with STEAM PROPELLERS for Navigation on the Upper Red River, Tonkin.
The proposed contract with descriptions, specification, etc., etc., and also a model of the Junk are kept at the FACTORY COMPANY, where further Particulars can be obtained by parties wishing to tender.
J. FIOREAU,
Acting General for France.
December 16th, 1886.

Business Notices.

Christmas Cheer!!

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
HAVE RECEIVED A NEW STOCK OF
OILMAN'S STORES
—AND—
HOUSEHOLD GROCERIES,
including the following:
SEASONABLE DELICACIES:—
SOUPS:—Real Turtle, Mulligatawny, Ox-tail, Giblet, Olan Chowder, Soup and Bouilli, Hotch Potch, &c., &c., &c.
FISH:—Sardines in Oil, Claret, Tomatoes, and Butter; Whitebait, Trout, Anchovies, Tunny Fish, Oystons, Tamarind Fish, Macassar Fish, Harong and Macquarreaux au vin Blanc, Pickled, Salmon Cutlets, Salmon Kippers, &c., &c.
PASTRY PRESERVED LARD.
GAME AND PATIES:—Galantine of Game, Boar's Head, Wild Duck, Paté de Foie Gras, assorted Game and English Patties, Rabbit and Onions, French Fries, Grouse, Truffled Chicken in Jelly.
TONGUES:—Smoked, Collared, Pheasant, Lamb, Sliced, Pigeon, Russian (Lx), SUNDRIES:—Apple Sauce, Brown, Essence, Pig's Feet, Sage and Onion Stuffing, Tripe, Potatoes, Mashed Potatoes, Currants, Raisins, Spices, Currants, Chutney, French and English Vegetables, Black Leicestershire Mushrooms, Pickles, Tobacco Sauce, Flavoured Jellies, Salad Cream, French Vinegar, French Mustard, Stuffed Olives, Westphalia Sausages, Lyons Sausages, Boar's Suffolk Bacon, &c., &c.
DESSERT FRUITS:—Fruits in Syrup, Noyau and Brandy; Crystallized French Plums, Jordan Almonds, Oranges, Lemon and Vanilla Creams, Outing's Dessert Fruit.
NEW SEASON'S MUSCATELS, SMYRNA FIGS AND ELVAS PLUMS.
NUTS:—ALMONDS IN SHELL, BRAZIL, AND BARCELONA.
PLUM PUDDINGS AND MINCEMEAT.
HUNTLEY AND PALMER'S CHRISTMAS CAKES
FINEST SELECTED YORK HAMS.
CHEESE:—GORGONZOLA, SWISS, CLOSTER, ALBERT, AND AMERICAN.
HUNTLEY AND PALMER'S 'CHRISTMAS' AND ASSORTED BISCUITS.
FRENCH AND ENGLISH CONFECTIONERY!
FANCY CHOCOLATES AND CHOCOLATE CREAMS.
BON-BONS.
WINE AND SPIRITS,
All First Class Brands
(for Details see December Wine List).

CHAMPAGNE:—AYALA & Co's.—(L. C. & Co. assert this to be the Finest Brand of Champagne imported into Hongkong).—Quarts, \$21.00; Pints, \$23.00.
SHERRIES:—RACONNE'S & CUTLER PALMER & Co's.
CLARETS:—L. C. & Co's, and ADRIAN SEWARD & Co's.
PORTS:—CUTLER PALMER & Co's, and L. C. & Co's, and ADRIAN SEWARD & Co's.
BURGUINDIES:—ADRIAN SEWARD & Co's, and CUTLER PALMER & Co's.
HOCKS:—CUTLER PALMER & Co's, and L. C. & Co's.
BRANDIES:—Hennessy, Cognac, Euxine, &c., L. C. & Co's.
WHISKIES:—L. C. & Co's 'Special Blend,' Teacher's Highland Cream, Napier Whiskies.—J. & Co's 'Special Blend,' The Carlton, and Kellars' Old Eye.
Johnston's, Bullock Lads', Duval's, The Carlton, and Kellars' Old Eye.
RUM:—Demerara and Old Jamaica.
GIN:—Swaine Boord's Old Tom and Van Hoboken's Geneva.
ALE and PORTER:—L. C. & Co's special supplies.—Foster's and Bulldog Brands of ALE and PORTER.—L. C. & Co's stout, and Clausen's Lager Beer.
Bass's Ale and Guinness's Stout, and Clausen's Lager Beer.
BITTERS:—Angostura, Boker's, Orange, Chirota, Bolivar.
LIQUEURS:—Benedictine D.O.M. (especially recommended), Chartreuse, Curacao, Maraschino, Noyau, Cherry Brandy, Ginger Brandy.
VERMOUTH:—Torino (L. C. & Co., special agents) and Neilly Prat's French.

CIGARS.
L. C. & Co. confidently recommend their special make of Cigars 'THE MANILA' as being the best possible brand of Manila Cigars procurable: they are made of pure tobacco and contain no adulteration. The immense quantity sold since this Cigar was first introduced by L. C. & Co. speaks for its great appreciation by all smokers here and at home.
SEE OTHER ADVERTISEMENTS IN THE LOCAL PAPERS.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, December 20, 1886.

KELLY & WALSH, LD.,
HAVE RECENTLY
CHRISTMAS NUMBER 'ILLUSTRATED NEWS,' containing a complete Novel by Bret Harte, entitled a 'Millionaire of Rough and Ready,' and large coloured Picture 'Little Miss Maudie,' containing a complete Novel by David Christie Murray, entitled 'Ball Dog and Butterfly,' and large coloured Picture 'Voices, Tally Ho!'
XMAS NO. ILLUSTRATED SPORTING AND DRAMATIC NEWS.
ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS ALMANAC 1887.
IMPERIAL ENGLISH AND CHINESE DIARY 1887; Foolscap size, 3 days to a page, illustrated with Blotting Paper, containing Customs Tariff for China, Postal Information, E. E. A. & Co's, and G. N. Co's Telegraph Rates, Chinese Holidays, and Festivals, Wages Table in Dollars and Taels—Price, \$1.
IMPERIAL ENGLISH AND CHINESE DATE-BLOCK 1887, superlative in get-up and legibility all Anglo-Chinese Date Blocks, previously issued—Price, 75 Cents.
LETTIS' DIARIES AND DATE BLOCKS.
BOYS' OWN ANNUAL—GREAT OWN ANNUAL—EVERY BOY'S MAGAZINE—EVERY GIRL'S MAGAZINE—HARPER'S YOUNG PEOPLE—CHATTERBOX—Children's FRIEND—Infant's MAGAZINE—LITTLE WILK AWAKE, and all the best Children's VOLUMES FOR THE YEAR.
KELLY & WALSH, LIMITED, HONGKONG.

THE BON MARCHE.
(CHEAP MARKET).
ADJOINING THE STAG HOTEL (NEAR DOCK).
CONSISTING OF A STOCK OF FANCY AND USEFUL ARTICLES,
At Cash Prices and for Cash only.
WATCHES.
MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS,
ALBUMS.
KNIVES.
OUTLERY.
LEATHER GOODS,
CLOTHES, and a varied Stock of Fancy GOODS of all kinds.
BON MARCHE, next door to THE STAG HOTEL.
Hongkong, September 8, 1885.

Victoria Hotel,
Praya and Queen's Road Central, Hongkong.
THIS Extensive and well-appointed Establishment, situated in one of the most central and airy positions in the Colony and commanding a splendid view of almost the entire harbour and within five minutes' walk of the principal Government Offices (including the Post Office), Banks, &c., has recently been much enlarged and improved and is now one of the principal Hotels in the place. The Accommodation and Service of every kind will be found to be of the best description. An ample and varied TABLE D'HOTE is always provided and served in the spacious, large DINING HALL.
The HOTEL also contains handsome and comfortable Reception, Reading, Billiard and Smoking Rooms.
The HOTEL is unsurpassed for comfort, convenience and quick service. Continental languages are spoken.
Messrs. DORABJEE & HING KEE,
Proprietors.
Hongkong, September 10, 1886.

Business Notices.

W. POWELL & Co. CHRISTMAS 1886.

W. POWELL & Co. respectfully call attention to their LARGE and EXTENSIVE STOCK OF
Toys! Toys!! Toys!!!
TOYS of every description suitable for BOYS and GIRLS.
Over 300 DOLLS to select from.
Special advantages offered to Purchasers of \$10.00 worth.
CHRISTMAS TREE parcels \$10.00, \$15.00, \$20.00, \$25.00 made up and numbered in 24 hours' notice.
W. POWELL & Co.
Hongkong, December 15, 1886.

ROBERT LANG & Co., Tailors, Hatters, Shirtmakers & General Outfitters, QUEEN'S ROAD (OPPOSITE HONGKONG HOTEL).

ARE SHOWING
A CHOICE SELECTION OF
OVER COATINGS,
to which they INVITE the attention of
their Customers.
SPECIALTY
Superfine Black Cloth Dress Suit,
\$30.00.
Hongkong, December 1, 1886.

Chas. J. Gaupp & Co. HAVE JUST RECEIVED A SPLENDID SELECTION OF **DIAMOND & GOLD JEWELLERY**

SUITABLE FOR
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR PRESENTS:
DIAMOND NECKLETS. DIAMOND RINGS.
DIAMOND PENDANTS. DIAMOND SCARF RINGS.
DIAMOND BRACELETS. DIAMOND SCARF PINS.
DIAMOND BROOCHES. DIAMOND STUDS.
DIAMOND EARRINGS. DIAMOND COLLAR BUTTONS.
A Magnificent DIAMOND BROOCH LILY—Price, \$4,000.
Also,
A very Large Invoice of DIAMONDS, from $\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 Carats,
1st Class STONES specially selected and bought very
favourably in Paris.

GOLD NECKLETS. GOLD SCARF RINGS.
GOLD LOCKETS. GOLD SCARF PINS.
GOLD BRACELETS. GOLD SIGNET RINGS.
GOLD BROOCHES. GOLD ALBERT CHAINS.
GOLD EARRINGS. GOLD PENCIL CASES.
GOLD LACE PINS. GOLD SEALS & COMPASSES.
A very fine Selection of PEARL JEWELLERY—the
Latest Novelties.

Gold and Silver WATCHES of the best
quality in a large variety.
**GILT CARRIAGE AND DRAWING-ROOM
CLOCKS.**
SILVER and ELECTRO-PLATED WARE by the best
Manufacturers.

SILVER RACE CUPS.

Hongkong, December 4, 1886.

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.
WE have authorized Mr. ED. MILLER
to SIGN BILLS of LADING in our
Name from this date.
SIEMSEN & Co.
Hongkong, November 29, 1886.

NOTICE.
D. R. H. KIMBALL will TAKE CHARGE
of my DENTAL PRACTICE in
Hongkong until further Notice.
H. H. WINN.
10, BANK BUILDINGS,
Hongkong, December 20, 1886.

**HONGKONG STEAM LAUNDRY
COMPANY, LIMITED.**
MR. A. O'D. GOURDIN has been ap-
pointed MANAGER of the Company
from this date.
By Order.
Hongkong, December 23, 1886.

Shipping.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.
The Co's Steamship
Ulysses,
Capt. BRINKER, will be
despatched as above on
SATURDAY, the 26th Instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, December 20, 1886.

FOR LONDON VIA SUEZ CANAL.
The Steamship
Glenloch,
Capt. GILSON, will be
despatched as above on
about the 27th Instant.
This Steamer has superior Accommoda-
tion for Passengers and carries a Doctor
and Stewards.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, December 17, 1886.

Shipping.

Steamers.
DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY,
LIMITED.
FOR AMOY AND TAMSUI.
The Co's Steamship
Tatung,
Capt. WILHELM, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on FRIDAY, the 24th Instant, at
Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
DOUGLAS LIPPAK & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, December 22, 1886.

**INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.**
FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.
The Co's Steamship
Takung,
Capt. DAVIES, will be
despatched for the above
Ports on FRIDAY, the 24th Instant, at
3 p.m.
This Steamer has superior First-class
Accommodation, specially constructed to
meet the requirements of tropical climates.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, December 21, 1886.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.
(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates
for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW-
CHANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW and
Ports on the YANGTSE.)
The Co's Steamship
Peking,
Capt. BUTLER, will be
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Shipping.

Steamers.

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FOR SHANGHAI.
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Capt. JONES, will be
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SATURDAY, the 25th Instant.
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BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
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Hongkong, December 16, 1886.

**FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND HAM-
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BURG, VIA SUEZ CANAL.**
(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates
for NINGPO, CHEFOO, NEW-
CHANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW and
Ports on the YANGTSE.)
The Steamship
Tatung,
Capt. JONES, will be
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SATURDAY, the 25th Instant.
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Entertainment.

THEATRE ROYAL.
CITY HALL.
HONGKONG AMATEUR
DRAMATIC CLUB.
THE SECOND PERFORMANCE
OF THE SEASON
will take place
ON
THURSDAY,
the 30th December, 1886, at 9 p.m.
What will be performed
A MUSICAL SKETCH,
by
GEO. GROSSMITH, JR.,
entitled:
'CUPS AND SAUCERS.'
AND
A COMEDY IN TWO ACTS,
by
J. MADDISON MORTON,
entitled:
'OUR WIFE.'
Tickets may be obtained from Messrs.
LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., on and after
Friday, 24th December, at 9 a.m.
H. M. THOMSETT,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, December 20, 1886. 2422

Notices to Consignees.

BEN LINE OF STEAMERS.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.
FROM LEITH, LONDON AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Steamship *Benlora*, Captain Ross,
HAVING ARRIVED from the above
Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
requested to send in their Bills of Lading
for COUNTERSIGNATURE by the Undersigned,
and to take IMMEDIATE DELIVERY of their
Goods from alongside. CONSIGNEES OF
NAILROAD IRON are particularly re-
quested to take delivery from Steamer
IN THEIR OWN BOATS, failing which the
Captain will not be responsible for any
mixing of different lots that may arise from
otherwise discharging same.
The Steamer is berthed at the KOWLOON
PIERS, and any Cargo impeding her dis-
charge will there be landed into Godowns
and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, un-
less notice to the contrary be given before
4 p.m. To-day, the 17th Instant.

No Claims will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods
remaining after the 24th Instant will be
subject to rent. All Claims must reach us
before 4 p.m. of the 27th Instant, or they
will not be recognized.
No Fire Insurance will be effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, December 17, 1886. 2404

FROM GLASGOW, LONDON, PENANG
AND SINGAPORE.

THE S.S. *Glengyle* having arrived
from the above Ports, Consignees of
Cargo by her are hereby informed that
their Goods, with the exception of Opium,
are being landed at their risk into the
Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or
from the Wharves or Boats delivery may
be obtained.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless
notice to the contrary be given before 2 p.m.
To-day, the 20th Instant.

Cargo remaining undelivered after the
27th Instant will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, December 20, 1886. 2412

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.
FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND
SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S.S. *Tanaka*, having ar-
rived from the above Ports, Consignees
of Cargo by her are hereby informed that
their Goods are being landed at their risk
into Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.'s
Wharves and Godowns, whence delivery may
be obtained.
Cargo remaining undelivered after the
27th Instant will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, December 20, 1886. 2413

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor
Owners will be Responsible for
any Debt contracted by the Officers or
Crew of the following Vessels, during
their stay in Hongkong Harbour—

ADOLPH, German brig, Captain John
Focke. S. Schellhas & Co.
ARL, British 3-masted schooner, Capt.
B. Bright. Master.
EZZ, German brig, Capt. L. Schwartz.
Wieler & Co.
ENOS SOUL, American ship, Capt. J. T.
Soule. Master.
FREN, P. LITCHFIELD, Am. barque, Capt.
O. Young. Gonsalves & Co.
HAROLD, Amer. 4-m. schooner, Capt.
S. R. Tibbitts. Russell & Co.
HILDA, British schooner, Capt. O. Olin.
Captain.
INOLSBIE, British barque, Capt. James
Hayes. Master.

JOHN TRABER, British ship, Capt. Theo.
Ray. Messageries Maritimes.
SARAH HENRY, American ship, Capt. A.
Morgan. Ed. Schellhas & Co.
STRATHEDEN, British steamer, Capt. Wm.
Hutton. Arnold, Karberg & Co.
TITAN, American ship, Captain C. H.
Allen. W. Legge.
YANTARA, Spanish barque, Captain R.
Estival. Remondos & Co.

NOW READY.

THE REVENUE OF CHINA.
A SERIES OF ARTICLES,
Reprinted from 'The China Mail.'

THIS PAMPHLET is Now Ready,
and may be had at the
Office of this Paper,
Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.'s,
Messrs. KELLY & WAHNS,
and Mr. W. BREWER.
Price, 50 Cents.

Prospectus.

ABRIDGED PROSPECTUS
OF
THE HONGKONG AND
KOWLOON WHARF AND
GODOWN COMPANY
(LIMITED).

INCORPORATED UNDER THE COMPANIES'
ORDINANCES OF HONGKONG.

CAPITAL, \$1,700,000.
Divided into 17,000 Shares of \$100
each, payable as follows:—
\$25 on application and \$75 on
allotment.

Directors:
THE HONORABLE J. BELL-IRVING.
THE HONORABLE F. D. SASSOON.
THE HONORABLE J. P. McLEWEN.
C. W. CHATEL, Esq.
W. H. F. DARBY, Esq.
M. GROTE, Esq.
H. HOPKINS, Esq.
E. H. HUNTINGTON, Esq.
J. S. MOSES, Esq.

Bankers:
THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.

Secretary:
ISAAC HUGHES, Esq.

Solicitors:
MESSRS. WOTTON & DEACON.

Auditors:
MESSRS. G. S. COXON AND T. I. ROSE.

THIS Company has been formed for the
purpose of amalgamating and work-
ing as one concern the undertaking known
as Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.'s
PIERS AND GODOWNS with the undertaking
known as the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON
WHARF, GODOWN AND CARGO BOAT CO-
MANY. The objects of the Company are
more particularly set out in the Memorandum
and Articles of Association, copies of
which can be seen in London at the offices
of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., and in
Hongkong at the Company's Office, Polder
Street, Hongkong.

The property known as Messrs. JARDINE,
MATHESON & Co.'s PIERS AND GODOWNS
consists of portions of Marine Lots Nos.
96, 97, 98, and 99, and a right of water
frontage of over 617 feet, and in area, and
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Applications for Shares will be received
in London, up to and inclusive of the 15th
January 1887, by Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON &
Co., in Shanghai, up to and inclusive of the 31st
December 1886, by Messrs. JARDINE,
MATHESON & Co.; and in Hongkong, up to
and inclusive of the 31st December 1886,
by the Secretary; and the amount payable on
application must be paid to the Hongkong
and Shanghai Banking Corporation. If no
allotment is made the deposit will be re-
turned, without any deduction, but without
any interest, and where the number of
shares allotted is less than the number ap-
plied for, the surplus will be credited in
reduction of the amount payable on allot-
ment and any excess returned.

Forms of applications for shares may be
obtained in London from Messrs. JARDINE,
MATHESON & Co., and in Hongkong from
the Secretary.

Hongkong, 18th Nov., 1886. 2201

To-day's Advertisements.

THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP
COMPANY, LIMITED.
FOR MANILA (DIRECT).

The Co.'s Steamship
Emeralda,
Captain HAMILTON, will be
despatched for the above
Port TO-MORROW, the 24th Instant, at
5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, December 23, 1886. 2427

TO BE LET
A HOUSE IN RICHMOND TERRACE.

Apply to
JOHN WILLIOTT,
Hongkong Dispensary.
Hongkong, December 33, 1886. 2440

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

IN consequence of MONDAY, the 27th
Instant, being a Holiday, applications
for the DEBENTURE BONDS of the
HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED, will
be RECEIVED until 4 p.m. on TUESDAY,
the 28th Instant.

By Order,
LOUIS HAUSCHILD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, December 23, 1886. 2443

ZETLAND LODGE.
No. 625.

A Regular MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held in FREEMASONS'
Hall, Zetland Street, on WEDNESDAY,
the 29th December, at 8.30 for 9 p.m.,
precisely. VISITING BRETHREN are cordially
invited.
Hongkong, December 23, 1886. 2442

NOTICE.

THE Undermentioned INSURANCE
OFFICES will be CLOSED for the
Transaction of Public Business on SATUR-
DAY, the 25th Instant (CHRISTMAS DAY),
MONDAY, the 27th (Boxing Day), and
SATURDAY, the 1st January, 1887.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents,
Canton Insurance Co., Ltd.;
General Managers,
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
N. I. BDE,
Secretary,
Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd.
W. H. PERCIVAL,
Agent,
North-China Insurance Co., Ltd.
W. H. RAY,
Secretary,
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.
SAML J. GOWER,
Secretary,
Chinese Insurance Company, Ltd.
RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents,
Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd.
JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
Secretary,
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
per pro. ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
E. S. WHEALEY,
Agents,
Singapore Insurance Company, Ltd.
CRAWFORD D. KERR,
Agent,
The Straits Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
The Straits Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.
Hongkong, December 23, 1886. 2439

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undermentioned has received instruc-
tions to Sell by Public Auction, on

THURSDAY,
the 30th December, 1886, at 11 a.m., at
the HONGKONG AUCTIONEER'S OFFICE, Pro-
mises, BARRINGTON.

(For Account of whom it may Concern),
A QUANTITY OF
FITTINGS, TABLES, BLANKETTING, FRUITS,
CANDLES, HOSIERY, BELTING, PUMPS, FAN-
BLANKS, SCALERS, FIVE CANTERS, STEAM
AND GAS PIPING, IRON TANKS, OILS, SET
OF TAPS AND DRILL, BELLS, WOOD, IRON
WARE, LONDON MORTAR SOAR, &c., &c.

Also,
A QUANTITY OF
OFFICE FURNITURE, INCLUDING A MILNER'S
PATENT IRON SAFE, STATIONERY, &c.
TERMS OF SALE.—Cash on delivery.
G. R. LAURENT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, December 23, 1886. 2441

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO,
ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,
MARSEILLES, MALTA, GIBRALTAR,
BRINDISI, TRIESTE, VENICE,
PLYMOUTH, AND LONDON.

BOMBAY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND
AUSTRALIA.

N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills
of Lading for BATAVIA, PERMAN,
GULF PORTS, MARSEILLES,
TRIESTE, HAMBURG, NEW YORK
AND HOSION.

SPECIAL ONLY LANDED AT PLYMOUTH.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship
SURA, Captain R. G. MURRAY, with
Her Majesty's Mail, will be despatched
from this for LONDON, via BOMBAY
and SUEZ CANAL, on TUESDAY, the
4th January, at 4 p.m.

Cargo will be received on board until
10 a.m. on the day of sailing.
Parcels and Special (Gold) at the Office
until 10 a.m. on the day of sailing.

Silk and Valuable for Europe will be
transhipped at Colombo, Tea and Gon-
gal Cargo for London will be conveyed
via Bombay without transshipment, arriving
one week later than by the ordinary direct
route via Colombo.

For further Particulars regarding
FREIGHT AND PASSAGE, apply to the
PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVI-
GATION COMPANY'S Office, Hongkong.

The Contents and Value of Packages are
required to be declared prior to shipment.
Shippers are particularly requested to
note the terms and conditions of the Com-
pany's Black Bill of Lading.
Passengers desirous of insuring their bag-
gage can do so on application at the Com-
pany's Office.

N.B.—This Steamer takes Passengers and
Cargo for MARSEILLES.

K. L. WOODIN,
Acting Superintendent.
Hongkong, December 23, 1886. 2438

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

December 22, 1886.

Alvina, German steamer, 553, And.
Saunee, Swatow December 21, Water
Ballast.—WITZEN & Co.

Para Chua Chon Kiao, British steamer,
1,012, H. Lightwood, Bangkok December
13, Rice and General.—YONG FAT HOON.

Ningpo, British steamer, 701, D'Erville,
Shanghai December 19, General.—STRECHER
& Co.

December 23—

Alvina, German steamer, 1,050, L.
Vollmer, Hago and Kobe December 17,
General and Rice.—STRECHER & Co.

Sarthe, French steamer, 470, C. Barquin-
guez, Genoa December 18, Rice.—ANNOLD,
KARBERG & Co.

Yang Ching, Chinese steamer, from
Whampoa.

Erminia, C. Italian barque, from Wham-
poa.

Quarte, German steamer, from Wham-
poa.

Yamlet, British steamer, 1,050, Dary,
Nagasaki, December 19, Coal.—MITSU
BUSSAN KAISHA.

Walle, German steamer, 395, E. Piger,
Pakhoi and Hainan December 21, General.
—WITZEN & Co.

Vessels Advertised at Loading.

Destination.

Vessels.

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Agents.

Date of Leaving.

Amoy and Tamsui.

Batavia, &c., via Saigon.

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DEPARTURES.

December 23.

Amoy, for Haiphong.

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To Let.

TO LET.
AN OFFICE on the 1st Floor of No. 43, Queen's Road Central.
 Apply to
DENNIS & MOSSOP,
 Solicitors,
 43, Queen's Road.
 Hongkong, December 22, 1886. 2435

To Let.

WITH immediate occupation the Commissioned PREMISES known as the P. & O. Old Office, lately in the occupation of the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.
 For further Particulars, apply to the Undersigned.
E. L. WOODIN,
 Acting Superintendent.
 Hongkong, November 22, 1886. 2220

To Let.

ROOMS in "College Chambers," No. 16, HOLLYWOOD ROAD.
 Apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
 Hongkong, December 3, 1886. 632

Intimations.

DENTISTRY.

FIRST CLASS WORKMANSHIP.
MODERATE FEES.

MR. WONG TAI-FONG,
 Surgeon Dentist.
 (Formerly Assistant to Dr. Rogers.)
 At the urgent request of his European and American patients and friends, has TAKEN THE OFFICE formerly occupied by Dr. Rogers,
 No. 2, DUDDELL STREET.

CONSULTATION FREE.

Discount to missionaries and families.
 Sole Address
2, DUDDELL STREET,
 (Next to the New Oriental Bank.)
 Hongkong, January 12, 1885. 65

THE HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF, GOWDOWN AND CARGO-BEAT COMPANY.

THE Company will receive STEAMERS and SAILING VESSELS alongside their Wharves at Kowloon, and Land, Re-shipping, and/or Store GENERAL CARGOES, SUEZ, OPIUM, COFFIN, GRAIN or MERCHANDISE in First-Class Granite Godowns at Wharf Rates. Also COALS in specially constructed sheds. For the convenience of Commanders and Shippers the Company's Launch HONGKONG will convey to and from those interested FREE OF CHARGE, starting from the Peddar's Wharf every hour from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m., and from the Wharf at Kowloon at the half-hour.

For further Particulars, apply to
W. KERFOOT HUGHES,
 Agent,
 Peddar's Street.
 Hongkong, February 17, 1886. 331

Prospectus.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL COMPANY, LIMITED.

ISSUE of \$200,000 Seven Dollars per Cent. MORTGAGE DEBENTURES of \$500 each, to be paid off on the 31st day of December, 1899.

Applications are invited for \$200,000 in \$7 per cent. Mortgage Debentures of \$500 each. These Debentures are issued in order to repay the money temporarily borrowed by the Company for the purchase of the property presently mentioned. The Company are doing a large and increasing business as Hotel Keepers and require an extension of their premises. They have accordingly agreed to purchase the block of buildings situated on the Property in the occupation of Messrs. Malhotra & Co., and registered in the Land Office as No. 7, Remaining Portion of Marine Lot No. 7. For the price of \$112,500. The property measures on the North 104 feet 6 inches or thereabouts, on the South 104 feet or thereabouts, on the East 176 feet or thereabouts, and on the West 176 feet or thereabouts, and it is intended to erect without delay on the said premises a new wing for the Hotel at an estimated cost of not less than \$40,000.

The loan will be secured by a first charge on the said property, which, by a lease dated the 31st December, 1881, was demised to Mr. F. W. Rogers for five years from that date at the annual rental of \$10,000, the lease paying in addition rates and taxes. The Debentures will be issued at a premium of \$5 per centum for sums of \$500 each made payable to bearer, and carrying interest from the 1st day of January 1887 at the rate of \$7 per centum per annum, payable quarterly on the 31st day of March, the 30th day of June, the 30th day of September and the 31st day of December at the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hongkong, or at any of its branches, at the current rate of exchange upon presentation of the coupons attached to the Debentures. The terms of subscription for each Debenture are as follows:—\$5 on application and the balance on allotment, to be paid into the Hongkong & Shanghai Bank, Hongkong.

Where no allotment is made the deposit will be returned in full without any deduction but without any interest, and where the number of Debentures allotted is less than the number applied for the surplus will be credited in reduction of the amount payable on allotment and any excess returned. In case of non-payment by any applicant of the balance due on allotment the Company may forfeit the deposit and cancel the allotment, or may charge interest on the balance due at the rate of Eight Dollars per centum per annum until payment.

The necessary Application Forms can be obtained from the Company's Secretary, or at the Hongkong Hotel.
 Applications, to be accompanied with Banker's Receipts for Deposits, will be received by the Secretary up to 4 p.m. on the 27th December, 1886.
 The form and conditions of the Debentures carried out at the Hotel and at the Office of Messrs. WATSON and DEACON, the Company's Solicitors.
 By Order of the Board of Directors,
L. HATSCHILD,
 Secretary.
 Hongkong, 6th December, 1886. 2325

For Sale.

J. L. MUM & Co.'s CHAMPAGNE.
 Quarts.....\$20 per Case of 1 doz.
 Pils.....\$21 " " " 2 " "
 Dabos Fibres de Cordon & Co.'s BORDEAUX CLARETS AND WHITE WINES.
 Baxton's Celebrated "Barley Bro"
 WHISKY, \$72 per Case of 1 doz.
 GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.
 Hongkong, July 18, 1884. 1127

Now Ready.

PRICE, \$1.00
COMPARATIVE CHINESE FAMILY LAW
 BY E. L. PARKER.
 Can be obtained from KELLY & WALSH at Shanghai and Hongkong, at LANE, CHAWFORD & Co., Hongkong, and at the China Mail Office.

Mails.

NORDEUTSCHER LOYD.
NOTICE.
STEAM FOR SINGAPORE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, TRIESTE, BRINDISI, ANTWERPE, BREMEN & HAMBURG, PORTS IN THE LEVANT, BLACK SEA & BALTIC PORTS;

—ALSO—
LONDON NEW YORK BOSTON, BALTIMORE NEW ORLEANS, GALVESTON & SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS.
 THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS AND LOGGERS.
 N.B.—Cargo can be taken on through Bills of Lading for the principal places in RUSSIA.

ON MONDAY, the 27th day of December, 1886, at Noon, the Company's Steamship **OLYMPIA** Captain PRITTFER, with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this port as above. Shipping Orders will be granted till Noon, Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. Specie and Parcels (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agent's Office). Contents and Value of Packages are required. The Steamer has splendid Accommodation and carries a Doctor and Stewardess. Linen can be washed on board. For further Particulars, apply to
MELORES & Co.,
 Agents.
 Hongkong, November 29, 1885. 2368

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID, MEDITERRANEAN AND BLACK SEA PORTS, MARSEILLES AND PORTS OF BRAZIL, AND LA PLATA; ALSO BORDEAUX, LE HAVRE, DUNKIRK, LONDON AND ANTWERP.
 ON TUESDAY, the 28th December, 1886, at Noon, the Company's S.S. **AMAZONE**, Commandant BERNARD, with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.
 Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.
 Shipping Orders will be granted until Noon.
 Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m. Specie and Parcels until 3 p.m. on the 27th December, 1886. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agent's Office.) Contents and value of Packages are required.
 For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
 Agent.
 Hongkong, December 15, 1886. 2382

U. S. MAIL LINE.
PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

THROUGH TO NEW YORK, VIA OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND THROUGH AT YOKOHAMA, AND SAN FRANCISCO.

THE U. S. Mail Steamship CITY OF SYDNEY will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on THURSDAY, the 30th instant, at 3 p.m., taking Passengers and Freight for Japan, and to the United States, and Europe.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Indian Cities of the United States, via Overland Railways, to Havana, Trinidad, and Nagasaki, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Company's and connecting Steamers.
 Through Passage Tickets granted to England, France, and Germany by all trans-Atlantic lines of Steamers.
 Return Passengers—Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within six months, will be allowed a discount of 20 % from Return Fare; if re-embarking within one year, an allowance of 10 % will be made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Return Passage Orders, available for one year, will be issued at a discount of 25 % from Return Fare. These allowances do not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.
 Freight will be received on board until 4 p.m. the day previous to sailing. Factors Packages will be received at the office until 6 p.m. the same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.
 Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to ports beyond San Francisco should be sent to the Company's Office in Suez. Envelopes addressed to the Collector of Customs at Yokohama and San Francisco.
 For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 604, Queen's Road Central.
O. D. HARMAN,
 Agent.
 Hongkong, December 14, 1886. 2369

Mails.

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE, VIA THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS, AND OTHER CONNECTING STEAMERS.

THE Steamship OCEANIC will be despatched for San Francisco, via Yokohama, on TUESDAY, the 11th January, at 3 p.m.
 Connection being made at Yokohama, with Steamers from Shanghai and Japan ports.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; and must be received at the Company's Office, until 5 p.m. the day previous to sailing.
 RETURN PASSENGERS—Passengers, who have paid full fare, re-embarking at San Francisco for China or Japan (or vice versa) within six months, will be allowed a discount of 20 % from Return Fare; if re-embarking within one year, an allowance of 10 % will be made from Return Fare. Pre-Paid Return Passage Orders, available for one year, will be issued at a discount of 25 % from Return Fare. These allowances do not apply to through fares from China and Japan to Europe.
 Consular Invoices to accompany Cargo destined to ports beyond San Francisco, should be sent to the Company's Office, addressed to the Collector of Customs, San Francisco.
 For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 304, Queen's Road Central.
C. D. HARMAN,
 Agent.
 Hongkong, December 21, 1886. 2426

Insurances.
NORTH BRITISH & MERCANTILE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents of the above Company, are authorized to insure against FIRE at Current Rates.
GILMAN & Co.
 Hongkong, January 1, 1882. 14

LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.
(FIRE AND LIFE.)

CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.
THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods on board Vessels and on Halls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.
 If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to \$1000 on a Single Life.
 For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to
ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co.,
 Agents, Hongkong & Canton.
 Hongkong, January 4, 1887. 100

NOTICE.
QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to accept Risks on First Class Godowns at 2 1/2 per cent. net premium per annum.
NORTON & Co., Agents.
 Hongkong, May 19, 1881. 938

THE LONDON ASSURANCE.
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER OF HIS Majesty King George the First, A. D. 1720.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agents for the above Corporation are prepared to grant Insurances as follows:—
Marine Department.
 Policies at current rates, payable either here, in London, or at the principal Ports of India, China and Australia.

Fire Department.
 Policies issued for long or short periods at current rates.

Life Department.
 Policies issued for sums not exceeding \$5,000 at reduced rates.
HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.
 Hongkong, July 25, 1872. 406

CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.
DECEMBER 21.—AT 4 P.M.

Station.	Barometer.	Thermometer.	Humidity.	Wind.	Clouds.	Weather.	Sea.
Manila...	29.85	83	66	E	2	c	0.04
Haiphong...	29.91	72	58	E	2	c	0.04
Amoy...	29.97	58	81	NW	3	od	—
Foochow...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Shanghai...	30.16	—	—	W	1	—	—
Nagasaki...	30.16	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wakatsuki...	30.00	—	—	—	—	—	—

DECEMBER 22.—AT 10 A.M.

Station.	Barometer.	Thermometer.	Humidity.	Wind.	Clouds.	Weather.	Sea.
Bolinas...	29.84	82	85	SE	1	b	—
Haiphong...	30.08	69	52	N	4	od	0.47
Hongkong...	30.12	58	82	N	4	od	0.04
Amoy...	30.21	60	88	NE	3	ort	0.04
Foochow...	30.33	46	77	NW	2	c	—
Nagasaki...	30.25	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wakatsuki...	29.96	—	—	—	—	—	—

The barometer has risen in Shanghai and gradients are steep for N.E. winds. The temperature is low, the humidity great and the weather overcast, with rain in some places.

W. DOUGLASS,
 Government Astronomer.
 Hongkong Observatory, December 22.

1. BAROMETER, reduced to 32 degrees Fahrenheit, and to the level of the sea in inches, tenths and hundredths.
 2. THERMOMETER, in the shade in degrees Fahrenheit.
 3. HUMIDITY, in percentage of saturation, the humidity of air saturated with moisture being 100.
 4. DIRECTION of Wind, to two points.
 5. FORCE of Wind, according to Beaufort's Scale.
 6. STATE of SKY, by blue sky, c, detached clouds, d, drizzling, rain, f, fog, g, gloomy, h, hail, i, lightning, o, overcast, p, passing showers, s, squally, t, rain, v, snow, u, thunder, w, visibility, x, (fog), y, (rain), z, (thunder).
 7. RAIN, in inches, tenths and hundredths.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusion of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

To facilitate finding the position of any vessel in the Harbour, the Anchorage is divided into eleven Sections, commencing at Green Island. Vessels near the Hongkong shore are marked A., near the Kowloon shore k., and those in the body of the Harbour or midway between each shore are marked H., in conjunction with the figures denoting the sections.

Section.
 1. From Green Island to the Kai Woiks.
 2. From Kai Woiks to Jardine's Wharf.
 3. From Jardine's Wharf to the Harbour Master's Office.
 4. From Harbour Master's Office to P. and O. Co.'s Office.
 5. From P. and O. Co.'s Office to Peddar's Wharf.
 6. From Peddar's Wharf to the Naval Yard.
 7. From Naval Yard to Blue Buildings.
 8. From Blue Buildings to East Point.
 9. From East Point to Island to North Point.
 10. Kowloon Wharves.
 11. Jardine's Wharf.

Vessel's Name.	Flag and Reg.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignee or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers						
Alwine Seyd	Ger. str.	558	Dec. 23	Wiel & Co.		
Amatela	Brit. str.	678	Jan. 31	Russell & Co.		K'loon Dock
Anton	Ger. str.	536	Dec. 23	Wiel & Co.	Hollow, &c.	To-morrow
Atalanta	Ger. str.	783	Dec. 18	Siemens & Co.	Saigon	To-day
Calcutta	Brit. str.	1100	Dec. 18	Russell & Co.		
Chit Yuen	Chi. str.	1121	Dec. 21	C. M. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	To-day
City of Sydney	Amer. str.	2016	Dec. 22	M. S. S. Co.	Y'nnam & San Francisco	30th inst.
Crusador	Brit. str.	643	Nov. 13	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		K'loon Dock
Dalla	Brit. str.	3044	Dec. 22	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		To-day
Domenico Balduino	Italian str.	395	Dec. 22	Russell & Co.	Bombay & Saper	To-morrow
Fernando	Brit. str.	759	Dec. 22	Siemens & Co.	Manila	
Fokien	Brit. str.	600	Dec. 22	Douglas Steamship Co.	Afney and Tamsui	To-morrow
Gerda	Brit. str.	240	Dec. 22	Siemens & Co.	Chefoo	
Gililand	Brit. str.	1058	Dec. 22	Siemens & Co.		
Greyhound	Brit. str.	277	Dec. 22	Douglas Steamship Co.	Coast Ports	K'loon Dock
Hailong	Brit. str.	1036	Dec. 22	Butterfield & Swire		To-morrow
Hanchow	Ger. str.	1059	Dec. 23	Siemens & Co.		To-morrow
Ichang	Ger. str.	427	Dec. 22	Wiel & Co.	Hollow, &c.	To-morrow
Loire Interieure	Foh. str.	533	Dec. 22	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Haiphong	
Ningpo	Brit. str.	392	Dec. 22	Siemens & Co.		
Partridge	Brit. str.	886	Dec. 22	Gibb, Livingston & Co.		Laid up
Paumotu	Brit. str.	4011	Dec. 22	Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Pan Chua Chon Kien	Brit. str.	161	Dec. 22	H. K. Fui Hong		
Prata	Brit. str.	1159	Dec. 22	Yuen & W. Dock Co.	Saigon	To-morrow
Sachalin	Foh. str.	3822	Dec. 22	Siemens & Co.	Cos'tan	To-morrow
Saltee	Foh. str.	470	Dec. 22	Maritimes	Hollow, &c.	To-morrow
Sarthe	Brit. str.	313	Dec. 22	R. Marly		
Sochoow	Brit. str.	934	Dec. 22	Arnold, Karberg & Co.		K'loon Dock
Statheden	Brit. str.	1506	Dec. 22	Chinese		
Tehran	Brit. str.	2600	Dec. 22	Tong Kee & Co.	Calcutta, &c.	To-morrow
Triton	Brit. str.	1142	Dec. 22	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Yokohama & Kobe	To-morrow
Yangtze	Ger. str.	814	Dec. 22	P. & O. S. N. Co.		To-morrow
Yung Ching	Brit. str.	761	Dec. 22	Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	To-morrow
	Chi. str.	221	Dec. 22	C. M. S. N. Co.	Swatow & Shanghai	To-morrow